



Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Monday, May 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Present from Town Council: John J. McCann, *Mayor*; Bill Harkins, *Mayor Pro-Tempore*; David Ames, Tamara Becker, Alex Brown, Tom Lennox, Glenn Stanford, *Council Members*

Present from Town Staff: Marc Orlando, *Town Manager*; Josh Gruber, *Deputy Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Senior Advisor to the Town Manager*; Angie Stone, *Assistant Town Manager*; Jennifer Ray, *Capital Projects Manager*; Jeff Buckalew, *Interim Director of Public Projects & Facilities/Chief Engineer*; Teri Lewis, *Deputy Director of Community Development*; Darrin Shoemaker, *Traffic/Transportation Engineer*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Mayor McCann called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. By way of roll call, attendance of all members of Town Council was affirmed.

2. FOIA Compliance: Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Harkins moved to approve. Mr. Stanford seconded. Motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

4. Workforce Housing Initiative Status Update

Mr. Colin opened the discussion with the members of Town Council, giving an overview of what steps are in place since the last time Council met. Mayor McCann stated that a business plan needed to be developed. The members of Town Council echoed the Mayor's sentiments regarding a business plan for this initiative. The majority of the members of Town Council were not ready to introduce a potential referendum at this time. They would like to see what other options would be available for recurring funding. Discussions about continuing to work with Habitat for Humanity took place, as well as further discussion about those commuting to and from the Island for employment. Mayor McCann closed the discussion stating that a well-defined business plan in order for Town Council to be able to take their next steps.

5. Presentation of the U.S. 278 Corridor Project Independent Engineering Review Final Report – Phillip Hutcherson, HDR Project Manager

Phillip Hutcherson, the HDR Project Manager presented the final report to the Mayor and Town Council. The members of Town Council asked many questions specific to the traffic signals, the projected traffic models, limiting or eliminating left turns, and an additional entrance onto the island. Mr. Hutcherson address these questions noting that an additional entrance onto the island would cost twice as much than what is currently projected. He also talked about the traffic models that were run in 2010, show that those forecasted volumes were met by 2017. Mr. Hutcherson said that the regional traffic model talked into account the growth in Bluffton too. Mr. Hutcherson reported that the *Guiding Principles* were taken into consideration when reviewing the project and writing their report. Council members were concerned that the projected level of service does not protect or improve the quality of life.

5. Discussion Continued

It was noted that it seemed as if the ultimate goal was to get as many cars through without keeping in mind the impacts of other communities on the island. Mr. Hutcherson noted that by implementing many of the proposed solutions, the traffic pattern changes would impact about 1% of the travelers. Concern was raised that the community may review the report that HDR submitted as more of a peer report.

6. Adjournment

With no further discussion and by unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Approved: May , 2021

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

John J. McCann, Mayor